



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE June 1, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: There is be NO July CTE Update—the next in August, 2012.

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

No update at this time.

FFA

A busy summer looms ahead for the Montana FFA Association. Newly elected state officers are Brady Johnson, president, from Hinsdale; Molly McGonigal, 1st VP from Cascade; Amy Hager, 2nd VP from Shields Valley; Blair Street, secretary, from Shields Valley; David Hammermeister, treasurer, from Stevensville; Lindsay Clairmont, reporter, from Ronan; Kyle Finley, sentinel, from Cascade; and Emily Muir, parliamentarian, from Missoula.

They will go through extensive training put on by the National FFA starting with a BLAST OFF (Building Leaders and Strong Teams of Officers) June 5-7 and also the NLCSO (National Leadership Conference for State Officers) June 18-21. They will also help conduct the Alumni Leadership Conference from June 14-17.

In July, the Montana Ag Opportunities tour will allow them to understand Montana agriculture, especially the grain industry, as they spend three days on a bus with many other FFA members from across Montana. President Brady and 1st VP, Molly, will represent Montana at the State President's Conference in Washington, D.C. from July 23-28.

As state advisor, Bill Jimmerson, retires at the end of July, a new advisor will take the helm and keep the FFA officer team busy. The week of August 13th, the entire officer team "follows the grain" from Montana to the terminal ports near Portland and get to spend a day at the Wheat Marketing Center in Portland learning how wheat is actually used by our customers along the Pacific Rim.

Throw in some fairs to attend and the summer is full of activities! All of the officers will be in college, starting in late August. They will only have a short time to enjoy college before they will be on the road again conducting the annual District Leadership Schools in September, traveling to each of the eight Districts in Montana.

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Business Education

Bozeman National Economics Challenge Team Places in 2012 Semi-Finals

The Bozeman High School Economics Challenge Team, coached by Bozeman High School Business Teacher Kerri Cobb, placed sixth in the 2012 National Semi-Finals competition. The top four teams advance from the regional competition; therefore, the Bozeman team just barely missing the chance to compete at the National finals for the Economic Challenge.

This year's National Economics Challenge involved over 5,700 students from 325 schools participating in competitions in 33 states. Making it to the National Semi-Finals is a testament to the students' excellence as economics scholars. The 2012 National Finals will be in New York City May 19 and 20.

The Council for Economic Education (CEE), through the generous support of State Farm®, will host the 12th Annual National Economics Challenge in 2012. The Challenge applies the excitement of an athletic competition to academic excellence and encourages students to apply their economics knowledge and work in teams. Competitions are held at the State, National Semi-Final, and National Final levels. In each competition, teams of students answer rigorous questions on microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics, and current events. At the National Final, students complete rounds of testing, work in teams to solve case problems, and participate in a quick-paced oral quiz-bowl in order to compete for the title of National Champions.

Congratulations to the members of the Bozeman High School Economics Challenge team and Mrs. Cobb for their accomplishments and Semi-Finals level achievement.

Business Professionals of America

Montana BPA NLC Attendees Reach New Heights in Chicago

The Business Professionals of America 2012 National Leadership Conference, titled *Reach New Heights*, was held in Chicago, Illinois, April 25-29. The Montana association was greatly represented by 52 secondary chapters and one postsecondary chapter (Flathead Valley Community College) with 338 student members, advisors, and guests who helped make up the 5,150 Windy City NLC attendees.

In Competitive Events, Montana was recognized for two top 10 finishes in the Postsecondary divisions with FVCC's Keith McAtee placing sixth in Human Resource Management and Aimee Moriarty receiving a third place trophy in Prepared Speech. In the Secondary division, Montana BPA earned 24 top 10 placings in individual events, including Broadview High School's Kourtney Schott placing first and earning the National Championship in Fundamental Word Processing Skills, and nine top 10 placings in team events with Roundup High School being crowned the Financial Analyst Team National Champions.

In Torch Awards and BPA Cares Program awards, a total of 75 Ambassador (National level) Torch Awards were earned by Montana's secondary members, three chapters—Colstrip, Shields Valley, and Sidney—were recognized as Quality Chapter Distinction recipients, and Outstanding Achievement Awards within the BPA Cares Program were presented to the Shields Valley High School chapter for Special Olympics and to the Sidney High School chapter for Community Relief.

A complete listing of competitive event, Torch Award, and BPA Cares Program results will be emailed to all Montana BPA chapter advisors as soon as the details are compiled.

Several Montana BPA advisors were honored for their years of service including Beth Huguet (Hellgate) and Mike Krahn (Charlo) with five years of service; Jacquie Bymaster (Broadview), Jacki Keating (Rapelje), Lola Smith (Lavina), Teresa Turner (Poplar), and DeAnne Weeks (Culbertson) with 10 years of service; and Hobson chapter advisor Staci Auck and Montana State Advisor Eric Swenson both with 15 years of service.



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Lastly, during the Annual Corporate Meeting of Business Professionals of America Montana BPA State Advisor Eric Swenson was elected to the Business Professionals of America Board of Trustees. Mr. Swenson will serve a two-year term as the State Supervisor for Business Education Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to all members, advisors, and volunteers of Montana BPA on a great National Leadership Conference and an award-winner membership year.

Montana DECA

Montana DECA returned from the National DECA Conference in Salt Lake with one of the best finishes in recent history. We had four students make it to finals and two students with a Top 10 finish. Gwen Lockman from Sentinel High School made finals in Sports & Entertainment Marketing Series and Devon Zander from Glacier High School made finals in Marketing Management Series. Dac Cederberg from Sentinel High School made the Top 10 in Principles of Finance and Hailey Vasquez from Whitefish High School had a Top 10 finish in Apparel & Accessories Marketing. These students, along with the others from Montana, competed against more than 10,000 students from across the country and around the world. Congratulations to all of our students on a fabulous year!!

We are pleased to announce that Karey Conn, DECA Chapter Advisor from Capital High School, has been selected to serve on the National School-based Enterprise Advisory Council. Karey will travel to Reston, VA this summer for a workshop and meeting and will help plan the School-based Enterprise Academy for the 2013 International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA. Karey will serve a two year term. This is a wonderful accomplishment and speaks highly of Karey's dedication to her DECA Chapter and her school store. Congratulations Karey!

The 2012-2013 Montana DECA State Officers will have their first planning meeting on Tuesday, June 19th in Helena. Our six officers will set goals for the year and start the 2013 State Conference planning.

Finally, the date for the Fall Advisor and State Officer meeting will be Sunday, September 30th in Helena. All Chapter Advisors and State Officers should mark their calendars and plan on attending.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this year a wonderful success!! **Montana DECA information submitted by Montana DECA State Advisor, Erin Weisgerber.**

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Megan A. Vincent, the Family & Consumer Sciences Education Specialist in the Career & Technical Education Division at the Office of Public Instruction, is offering four Family & Consumer Sciences Regional Workshops "Sustaining FCS through Connections" in various locations around the state in August. All Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) educators are encouraged to attend – both middle school and high school, part-time and full-time. There is no registration fee for the one-day workshop.

Wednesday, August 8	Lewistown
Thursday, August 9	Miles City
Monday, August 13	Missoula
Tuesday, August 14	Bozeman

Topics to be covered include but are not limited to Montana CTE Updates, FCS Coding & Common Core, Advocacy & Marketing, BullyFree Montana and Best Practices in FCS. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to earn 5 OPI Renewal Units. For more information, please contact Megan Vincent, Family & Consumer Sciences Education Specialist at 406.444.3599 or mvincent2@mt.gov.

Additional Summer Professional Development Opportunities for FCS Professionals:

- June 11 – 15, 2012 – Culinary Tips for Teachers Class, Missoula, MT
- June 18 – 20, 2012 – National Career Clusters Institute, Washington, DC
- June 19, 2012 – Montana ProStart Summer Workshop, Helena, MT
- June 24 – 27, 2012 – American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Conference & Expo, Indianapolis, IN
- June 25 – 28, 2012 – Family Economics & Financial Education (FEFE) National Training, Tucson, AZ
- July 8 – 12, 2012 – FCCLA National Leadership Conference, Orlando, FL
- July 11 – 12, 2012 – ServSafe Class, Billings, MT
- July 24 – 25, 2012 – FCS Update Workshop, Billings, MT
- August 16 – 17, 2012 – Montana Farm to School Conference, Bozeman, MT

Montana FCCLA:

Montana FCCLA's 2011-2012 State Outreach Project was the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Montana. Chapters from around the state worked hard to promote and fundraise for this project, and all the hard work paid off! Montana FCCLA's final fundraising total was \$21,091.72. This donation provided the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Montana the ability to grant wishes to five Montana children. Here's some of the press received for the donation announcement in March:

http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/student-organization-raises-nearly-for-make-a-wish-foundation/article_26b9395e-d990-57bb-86e5-e610a175a997.html

During the 65th Annual State Leadership Conference in Billings in March, the 2012-2013 Montana FCCLA State Executive Council was elected to the following positions:

- President – Nathan Spackman, Bozeman
- Vice President – Lindsay Stickel, Terry
- Secretary/Treasurer – Charsi Workman, Grass Range
- State Officer At-Large – Shae Bruursema, Reed Point
- State Officer of Community Service – Shanae Richey, Valier
- State Officer of Competitive Events – Charlie Smart, Sheridan
- State Officer of Development – Taylor Grogan, Forsyth
- State Officer of Membership – Sydney Kern, Reed Point
- State Officer of Parliamentary Law – Kassidy Hansen
- State Officer of Programs – Rachel Juel
- State Officer of Public Relations – Nichole Rang



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Nearly 125 Montana FCCLA members, advisers and chaperones are preparing to attend the National Leadership Conference "Reality Check" in Orlando, Florida July 8 – 12. Delegates will participate in competitive events, present projects, receive leadership training, evaluate events, attend educational workshops and enjoy tourist attractions in the area. Wish them good luck!

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Health Sciences Education



Project Lead the Way (PLTW) School Counselor Workshop @ Washington State University-Spokane

This exciting, fast-paced workshop is designed to let counselors experience the proven hands-on, real-world problem-solving approach to learning. The PLTW Biomedical Science program is a four-year sequence of courses. Here is your opportunity to get your questions answered, share ideas, and participate in actual lessons so you can provide your students with accurate information about what to expect from this experience. Please let your school administrator know that this can be funded through your school's Perkins Professional Development money for the 2012-2013 school year.

Starts: Wed., July 11, 2012 (Please arrive at the WSU campus for presentation and dinner by 4:00 PM)

Ends: Fri, July 13, 2012

Session: Principles of Biomedical Science

Cost: \$100.00

Seats: 8

Room And Board: The Courtyard Marriott is located at 401 N. Riverpoint Blvd and is directly across the street from the WSU Spokane campus. They may be reached by calling 509.456.7600 and a room block has been placed for the dates of the training. They offer free parking and are well within walking distance of shopping, entertainment and dining. The hotel also offers a small in house restaurant to include Starbucks coffee. www.spokanecourtyard.com \$87.00 per night (Current WA St rate) plus tax = \$98.31 per night for single occupancy. One evening dinner, two breakfasts and two lunches will be provided. All other meals will be left up to the individual.

For Reservations and/or questions, please call or email Renee Harris, Montana PLTW State Leader at (406) 994-6986 or rharris3@mt.gov

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made in writing by no later than 15 working days prior to the first day of training will not incur a fee.



Montana HOSA

HOSA National Leadership Conference

The HOSA National Leadership Conference will be in Orlando, Florida this year, June 20-23rd. We have 10 Montana students attending from CMR, Great Falls High, Ronan, Noxon, Bozeman, and Billings Career Center. These students will be competing in Job Seeking Skills, Clinical Specialty, Career Health Display, Medical Terminology, EMT, Human Growth and Development, and Medical Assisting. We are also very excited to announce that we have a Montana student running for National Officer Candidate - Darby Lacey from CMR High School! Those of you who are familiar with this talented student will agree she will be an outstanding officer to represent our region.

Montana HOSA Student Wins National Scholarship

National HOSA is excited to announce its newest partner, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), has awarded four scholarships to HOSA students from around the country. Our very own Darby Lacey, from CMR High School in Great Falls, was selected as one of this year's National winners! Over 800 HOSA students apply for these prestigious scholarships, and only 50 are awarded across the country. This is a huge accomplishment for Darby and for Montana HOSA! Darby will receive a \$1,000 check at Grand Awards Session at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando this June. Congratulations Darby!

Thanks to everyone's support for another great HOSA school-year! **Montana HOSA information submitted by State HOSA Advisor, Bergen Morehouse; Phone: 406.683.2790 E-mail: bergen@mtha.org.**

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